

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Petition is hereby made under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of one month of the period for response to the Office Action. Our enclosed cheque includes the prescribed fee.

The Examiner withdrew from consideration claims 13 to 29 and 33 to 41 as being directed to a non-elected invention. These claims have been deleted, such deletion being made without prejudice to the applicants right to file divisional or continuation applications related thereto.

The priority statement at the beginning of the specification has been amended to include the correct priority filings and their current status, as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner rejected claim 42 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. On the basis that the claim is independent from a non-elected claim. Claim 42 has been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 42 to 49 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10 to 17 of US Patent No. 6,344,202. Claim 42 has been cancelled.

A rejection of obviousness-type double patenting may be overcome by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer signed by an attorney-of-record. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer signed by an attorney-of-record, disclaiming the term of this patent which may extend beyond the expression of US Patent No. 6,344,202. The enclosed cheque includes the prescribed fee for recordal of the Terminal Disclaimer.

Having regard thereto, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 42 to 49 on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 10 to 17 of US Patent No. 6,344,202 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claim 42 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type patenting as being unpatentable over claim 9 of US Patent No. 6,235,290. Claim 42 has been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and early and favourable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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